- Organizing annual cupping competition—'Flavour of India'—Fine Cup Award' to be adjudged by the international quality experts to select the best quality speciality coffees.
- Instituting of export awards to encourage exporters.

Implementation of NREG Act

*463. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) has started;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the mechanism and frequency of periodical monitoring of its implementation in the targeted States by Government;

(c) the details of the persons seeking jobs under NREGA and those duly given jobs in the course of the first two months of implementation of the Act, State-wise; and

(d) the nature of problems, if any, witnessed commonly/severally by the States in implementation of the NREGA during the initial period?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) 200 districts from all the States except Goa have been identified for implementation of the Act in the first phase. The Act has, however, not been made applicable in any of the Union Territories so far. The Act was implemented in 183 identified districts with effect from 2/2/06. In the two districts of Meghalaya, the Act has been implemented with effect from 1/4/06 due to bye-election in one of the parliamentary constituency which was held on 16th February, 2006. In the 3 identified districts of Jammu & Kashmir, the Act has been implemented as a scheme because Act as such it is not applicable to the State of Jammu & Kashmir in terms of Section 1 (2) of the Act. In the 12 districts of Maharashtra, the State Government has decided to amend its own Act so that the entitlements of the workers under the Central Act are ensured in the State scheme. The Central Government will share the expenditure in 12 identified districts of Maharashtra as per the NREG Act.

NREGA guidelines provide for monitoring at various levels. Gram Sabha will monitor all works at village level as well as employment provided to each person who has applied for work. Gram Panchayat will monitor works by other implementing agencies. Intermediate Panchayat and Programme Officer will monitor registration of households, employment provided, unemployment allowance paid, social audit, flow of funds, payment of wages and progress and quality of works. District Panchayat and District Programme Coordinator will monitor all aspects of implementation. State Government will monitor performance of all districts on quality and pace of implementation.

The Act provides for constitution of a Central Employment Guarantee Council and State Employment Guarantee Councils, who will also monitor the implementation of Act.

State-level and District-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development to monitor all programmes including NREGA. State-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee is headed by the concerned Rural Development Minister in the State and District-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are headed by Members of Parliament. In addition, guidelines provide for constitution of local vigilance and monitoring committees of the beneficiaries for every work to monitor the quality and pace of work while in progress.

National-level Quality Monitors and State-level Quality Monitors are to be appointed by the Central and State Governments with the approval of the Central and State Employment Guarantee Councils respectively.

Monthly progress reports are to be sent by the State Governments to the Central Government on the proforma prescribed in the guidelines. The Central Council will prepare annual reports to be placed before the Parliament and State Councils will similarly prepare and place annual reports before respective State Legislatures.

An MIS has been prepared by Ministry of Rural Development and provided to all districts for furnishing of the information on a continuous basis to the Central Government.

(c) State-wise report on the number of household registered, job cards issued, employment demanded and employment provided is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(d) Some North-Eastern States like Meghalaya and Nagaland had brought to notice that areas not covered under 73rd amendment do not have Panchayati Raj Institutions. These State have been authorized in the guidelines to mandate the local councils/authorities to invest with corresponding responsibilities. Some States like Maharashtra and Tripura had informed that minimum number of 50 labourers under the Act is difficult to implement. Non-availability of adequate staff for implementation of NREGA had been reported by some States like Uttar Pradesh. They have been advised to recruit staff either on contract basis or on deputation in order to ensure effective implementation of the Act. The State Governments have also been informed that the expenditure on the staff, training and other administrative expenses will be borne by the Central Government within the prescribed ceiling. Additional funds amounting to Rs. 74.00 lacs for training were given and two training of trainer courses organized by National Institute of Rural Development. Some States like North-Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and J & K had also reported difficulties in providing employment during rainy season and bad weather conditions. They were advised to take up plantation and other feasible works during such season.

Statement

State-wise progress of implementation of NREGA

Sl. No.	State	District	Application Received for registration	Job cards issued	Employ-ment demanded	Employ-ment provided
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13	3877669	3877669	1128000	571016
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	43,000	NR	NR	NR
3.	Assam	7	NR	NR	NR	NR
4.	Bihar	23	1385852	592155	1657522	1065367
5.	Chhattisgarh	11	1460999	1258456	335526	335526
6.	Gujarat	6	540761	389772	30909	27904
7.	Haryana	2	47250	22674	6602	6602

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2	21897	6770	2168	1803
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	169038	65531	4127	4127
10.	Jharkhand	20	1766005	1150304	496725	467832
11.	Karnataka	5	457409	315412	148875	42724
12.	Kerala	2	225133			
13.	Madhya Pradesh	18	4033166	3675584	1666665	1206067
14.	Maharashtra	12	2335602	288921	44310	44310
15.	Manipur	1	NR	NR	NR	NR
16.	Meghalaya	2	NR	NR	NR	NR
17.	Mizoram	2	NR	NR	NR	NR
18.	Nagaland	1	NR	NR	NR	NR
19.	Orissa	19	2400560	1602199	1281759	1214590
20.	Punjab	1	37870	33375	NR	19339
21.	Rajasthan	6	1337061	1265942	319828	294657
22.	Sikkim	1	NR	NR	NR	NR
23.	Tamil Nadu	6	958980	581360	140742	51883
24.	Tripura	1	NR	44672	170	170
25.	Uttar Pradesh	22	1426200	687652	39442	34876
26.	Uttaranchal	3	281016	141978	6206	6206
27.	West Bengal	10	2000000	600000		
	TOTAL:	200	24805468	16600426	7309576	5394999

NR: Not received

NGOs cooperation in manufacturing of military equipments

*467. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: